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Minutes of special meeting February 18, 2016

This meeting was called because we did not have a quorum on Dec. 3, Jan. 7, or Feb. 4.

Call to order of open meeting : 7:00 P.M. Town Hall

Pledge of Allegiance

Present : Chair- Terry Burke Dotson, Asst. chair -Ken Schold,

Secretary/clerk - Marie Cafferty, Matt Haddad.

Agenda

Minutes of Nov. 4, 2015 approved and signed .

Citizens Speak : Kathy Crewe- Presented the concerns of the Ramshorn Pond Watershed Association . Their major concern is maintaining Ramshorn a pond free of invasive weeds. The people who will be able to use the canoe launch once the dam is completed need to be sure they are not carrying the seeds of invasive weeds from another body of water into Ramshorn. Ken Schold questioned her at length to learn how they have prevented this terrible invasion which costs the other watershed associations about \$8000 a year to control. Kathy replied that their

association has worked hard for many years to educate the property owners on the need to wash their boats, they help each other wash boats, they educate people regarding minimizing the use of fertilizers, not feeding geese or other water fowl, not raking leaves or other yard debris into the pond, and give them information on the weeds. They have the water tested every other year, and they had an extensive weed survey done which cost about \$5000. Ken asked how do they manage to keep about 100 property owners doing the right things? Who does anyone complain to if they observe a problem? Kathy said they call her on her cell phone.

Their question is - how can the Ponds and Lake Commission help them maintain their goal of a weed free pond?

Terry Burke Dotson responded - the warrant article on our agenda addresses that issue.

A) Old business : Ken moved we vote to give the Selectmen a copy of our mission statement written by Marie and discussed at former meetings. The move was seconded and Marie read the statement. The vote to present this to the Selectmen was unanimous.

B) Ken reported on his assigned tasks . He read the report on the Briely dam from 2008. To the best of his knowledge the town has not made progress on ascertaining ownership of the dam. If something isn't done soon , we will have disastrous flooding in the West Main Street area. There is no watershed association for Brierly Pond. He then gave us his copy of the original establishment of the Ponds and Lakes Commission and pointed out that we were only meant to meet quarterly. Terry said we had so much to do we needed monthly meetings. Ken also reported that the DPW could not

address the issue of cleaning the septic storm drains until Spring.

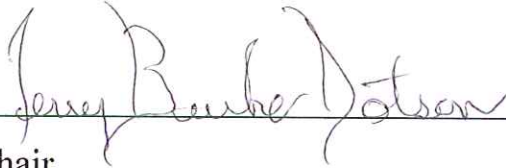
C) Warrant Article for next town meeting was presented by Terry. After discussion the total amount requested to fund a locked and monitored gate for the canoe launch on Ramshorn Pond was reduced from \$14,050 to \$3,100. Terry will rewrite the warrant article and seek the required signatures by March 1st.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:



Secretary/Clerk



Chair

Assistant Chair

